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(Herald Photo)

One Small Hole for a Tree

A coastal redwood, grown from a seed which flew to the moon and back on the Apollo 14 mission in 1971, is planted in Monterey's Friendly Plaza by Colton Hall by (left to right) Monterey Mayor Peter J. Coniglio, Loren Boore of the state Division of Forestry, Ted Zrelak of the U.S. Forest Service, Jerry Ranger of the Society

of American Foresters, Tom Muniz, chairman of the Monterey Park and Recreation Commission and Ann Layouts of the state Division of Forestry. The seed was one of several varieties brought to the moon and later grown by the U.S. Forest Service to seedling trees.

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Monterey to Get Tree Whose Seed Went to the Moon

A redwood tree, grown from a seed that was carried to the Moon and back to Earth by Maj. Stuart Roosa, command module pilot for the Apollo 14 mission in January, 1971, will be presented to the City of Monterey Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Colton Hall.

Richard Ernest, state forest ranger for the state Division of Forestry, will present the tree to Monterey Mayor Peter J. Coniglio.

Also present for the ceremony will be Ted Zrelak of the U.S. Forest Service and Gerald Ranger of the Society of American Foresters.

Roosa, a former smoke-jumper, took a tiny container of tree seeds with him on his moon journey, some of which were planted and grown into seedlings at the U.S. Forest Service Institute of Forest Genetics nursery near Placerville.

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